



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Sims Middle School
UNION COUNTY
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 715
Principal: Mickey Connolly
Superintendent: Dr. Kristi V. Woodall
Board Chair: Dr. Wanda All

PERFORMANCE Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

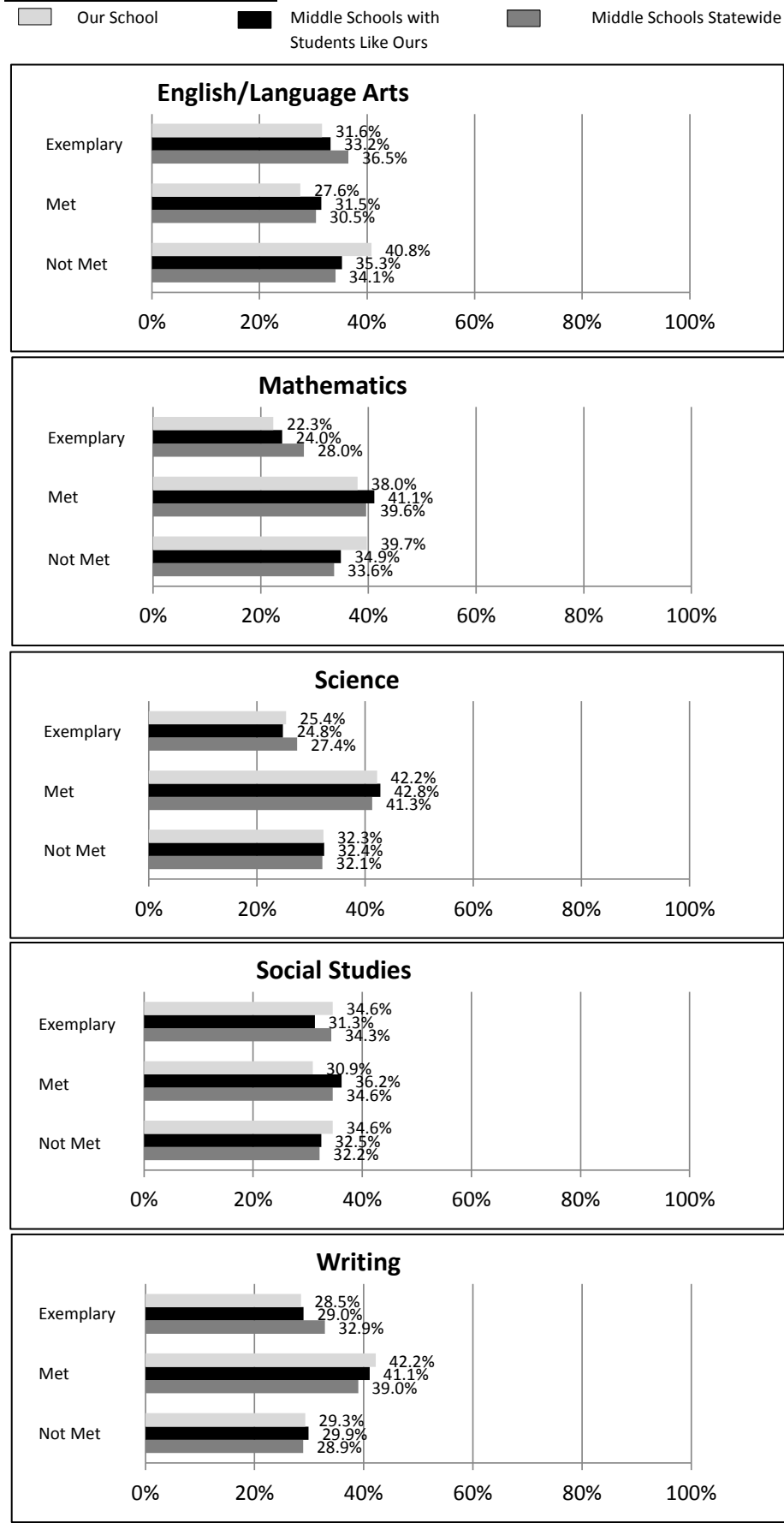
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	D	N/A
2013	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	SILVER	N/A	C	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
3	8	45	6	0

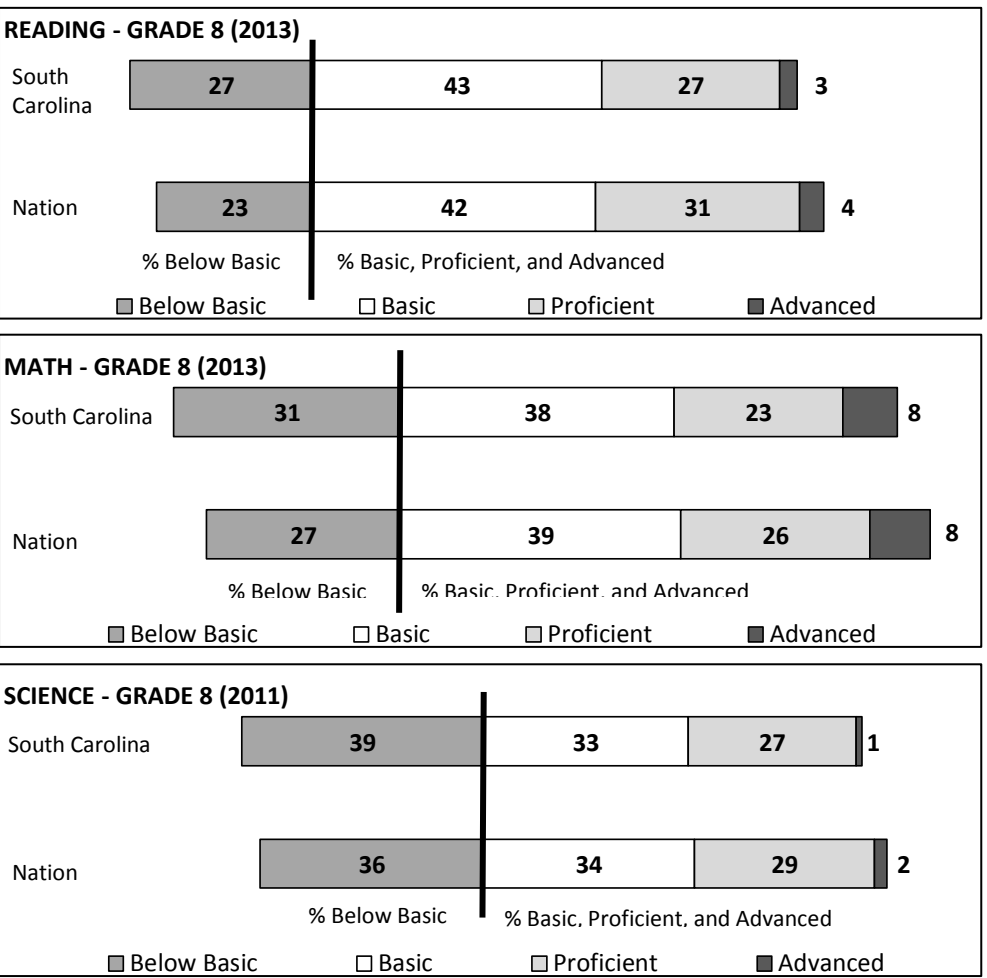
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of Students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	97.2%
English 1	93.0%	97.0%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	96.1%	97.0%

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample TBD-To Be Determined

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle Schools
Students (n = 715)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	15.8%	Up from 15.5%	24.4%	26.0%
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 2.6%	0.8%	0.6%
Attendance rate	94.4%	Up from 94.2%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	15.4%	Up from 13.0%	17.3%	19.4%
With disabilities	14.1%	Down from 16.0%	13.8%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	6.3%	Down from 7.4%	5.5%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 54)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Down from 71.9%	58.4%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	87.0%	Down from 87.7%	77.0%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.5%	Down from 87.5%	84.5%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.7%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,574	Down 3.3%	\$46,472	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.2%	Up from 4.2%	6.2%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	15.2 days	Down from 15.9 days	11.8 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.2 to 1	Down from 19.1 to 1	21.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.0%	Up from 88.4%	89.9%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.7%	Down from 95.3%	98.8%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,249	Up 9.3%	\$7,588	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.3%	Up from 70.0%	61.9%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.7%	Up from 69.0%	60.8%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	65.6	Down from 76.6	75.2	77.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	57	207	83
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.2%	71.5%	75.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	89.5%	79.2%	67.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	66.0%	85.1%	47.6%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The staff at Sims Middle School continually strives to provide our students with a high- quality education. Our students are provided diverse and rigorous educational experiences with high expectations and academic excellence as our primary goals.

The 2013-2014 school year allowed for many challenging and stimulating opportunities to move toward successful obtainment of our school’s goal. Our students, faculty, and staff experienced a great deal of success in academics, the arts, and athletics while effectively participating in many service-learning activities. The accomplishments of SMS included 8 students being recognized as SC Junior Scholars, 3 students being named Duke TIP Scholars, and 108 students being inducted in the National Jr. Beta Club. Our National Jr. Beta Club was selected as a “Club of Distinction.” The academic efforts at SMS continued with our 6th grade Academic Challenge Team winning the district championship. Eighth graders were given a new opportunity to excel as we provided a challenging, above grade level course in World Geography for high school credit. Our athletic activities at Sims Middle School also experienced success with the wrestling teams finishing as the runner-up in the Peachtree Conference Championship. Our girls’ softball team also had another outstanding season. Our band, chorus, and orchestra received Excellent ratings at the South Carolina Concert Festival. SMS students participated in service learning projects including The Miracle League, Salvation Army, Relay for Life, and others.

Teachers at Sims continued the expansion of their professional learning community by making consistent improvement in the instructions provided to the students. Common planning time was used for teachers to collaborate and align instruction to state supported documents. The administrators and teachers at SMS are continuously seeking new instructional strategies that will enable them to move all students to their greatest academic potential. A notable increase in students’ reading was seen during the daily SSR time of SMS Reads and with the Super Reader program. Another area for high academic achievement was seen with the realization of advanced level instruction in ELA, Math, and Science. .

Jennifer Tazerouti, Media Specialist, we elected as the President of the South Carolina Association of School Librarians. Two teachers received Donors Choose grants totaling \$800. Our school also received a \$1000 AT&T grant and a \$170,000 School Improvement Grant.

Sims Middle School is fortunate to have a new facility, and a caring community which provides support and assistance to our students and staff. We had a successful year and will continue to provide as many opportunities for success as possible. Our school is dedicated to helping students achieve both in and out of the classroom.

Melissa Gregory, SIC Chairperson Mickey Connolly, Principal